

Amendments to the Specification:

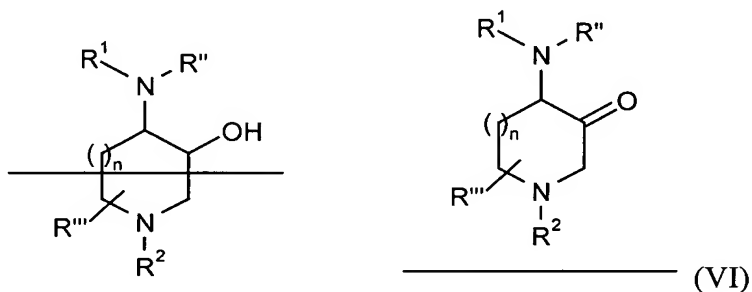
Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph sections under the heading "Related Applications" with the following new paragraph sections:

Page 11, lines 16-17 to Page 12, lines 1-2

Please correct corresponding Figure (VI), when A is substituted with "C(O)", by replacing the chemical structure and paragraph on page 11, lines 16-17 to page 12, lines 1-2 of the specification with the following new paragraph:

(B) for compounds in which A is C(O):

(i) reacting a compound of the formula ~~aa~~ (VI):



wherein R¹, R², R², R³ and n are as defined in formula (I), with any reactive functional groups protected, with an oxidizing agent; and thereafter removing any protecting groups and optionally forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.